

# House Amendment 8488

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1 1 Amend Senate File 2298, as amended, passed, and  
1 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:  
1 3 #1. Page 128, by inserting after line 4, the  
1 4 following:  
1 5 ---. ADOPTION SUBSIDY PROGRAM.  
1 6 1. a. It is the intent of the general assembly  
1 7 that the department of human services maximize receipt  
1 8 of the federal funding available for the adoption  
1 9 subsidy program. The department may renegotiate  
1 10 existing adoption agreements solely for the purpose of  
1 11 maximizing federal funding. However, any revision of  
1 12 the existing adoption monthly maintenance payment  
1 13 agreement shall not result in the reduction of  
1 14 benefits to these adoptive families.  
1 15 b. The limitation on attorney fees under the  
1 16 program shall be \$500 per recipient.  
1 17 c. The department of human services shall attempt  
1 18 to develop a method to obtain federal matching funds  
1 19 for adoption subsidy program recipients' out-of-pocket  
1 20 payments to attorneys for the portion of attorney fees  
1 21 that exceed the limitation on attorney fees under the  
1 22 program.  
1 23 d. The department of human services shall attempt  
1 24 to obtain federal matching funds for adoption subsidy  
1 25 program recipients' out-of-pocket payments for child  
1 26 care fees that exceed the applicable reimbursement  
1 27 rate established under the child care assistance  
1 28 program.  
1 29 e. If cost-effective and in compliance with  
1 30 federal law and regulation, the department of human  
1 31 services may implement a sliding benefit scale based  
1 32 upon income, for all or a portion of the adoption  
1 33 presubsidy or preadoptive subsidy agreements entered  
1 34 into on or after July 1, 2004.  
1 35 2. It is the intent of the general assembly that  
1 36 beginning July 1, 2004, adoption subsidy agreements  
1 37 entered into on or after that date shall be  
1 38 administered uniformly throughout the state.  
1 39 3. a. Beginning July 1, 2004, the child care  
1 40 subsidy payments for individuals who enter into  
1 41 presubsidy or preadoptive subsidy agreements shall be  
1 42 governed by the provisions of the department of human  
1 43 services' child care assistance programs.  
1 44 b. (1) Individuals who entered into presubsidy or  
1 45 preadoptive subsidy agreements on or before June 30,  
1 46 2004, shall continue to receive a child care subsidy,  
1 47 notwithstanding any income guidelines specified under  
1 48 the child care assistance program, and shall not be  
1 49 required to meet the specifications of a specialized  
1 50 program as specified in the administrative rules, but  
2 1 beginning July 1, 2004, the child care subsidy rate  
2 2 shall be governed by the rate ceilings under the  
2 3 department of human services' child care assistance  
2 4 program.  
2 5 (2) The department shall notify these individuals  
2 6 within thirty days of the effective date of this  
2 7 section of this Act of the potential change in the  
2 8 determination of the child care subsidy rate described  
2 9 under this subsection, and the process for requesting  
2 10 an exception to policy.  
2 11 (3) If an individual requests an exception to  
2 12 policy and the exception is approved, the individual  
2 13 shall continue to receive the child care subsidy rate  
2 14 in effect for the individual prior to July 1, 2004,  
2 15 and shall be reimbursed the difference between the  
2 16 prior rate and the new rate for the period of time  
2 17 that the new rate was applied.  
2 18 4. It is the intent of the general assembly that  
2 19 any rules relating to the adoption subsidy program for  
2 20 which the effective date of the rules is delayed  
2 21 pursuant to section 17A.8, subsection 9, shall take  
2 22 effect unless legislation enacted by the general  
2 23 assembly conflicts with such rules.  
2 24 5. The legislative council is requested to

2 25 establish an interim study committee to review the  
2 26 adoption subsidy program, which includes a review of  
2 27 current practices regarding the determination of  
2 28 subsidy levels, disparities in subsidy levels among  
2 29 regions of the state, program cost and benefits, the  
2 30 fiscal and programmatic impact of projected future  
2 31 program growth, a thorough analysis of the demographic  
2 32 factors of the adoptive families as well as the  
2 33 adoptive children's special needs, and quantification  
2 34 of savings in other programs and services resulting  
2 35 from the utilization of the adoption subsidy program.  
2 36 The interim study committee shall seek input from the  
2 37 department of human services, adoptive parents, and  
2 38 others with experience or expertise relating to the  
2 39 adoption subsidy program and related services and  
2 40 supports. The interim study committee shall submit a  
2 41 report of findings and recommendations to the general  
2 42 assembly not later than December 1, 2004.>

2 43 #2. Page 138, by inserting after line 15 the  
2 44 following:  
2 45 <\_\_\_\_. The section of this division of this Act  
2 46 relating to the adoption subsidy program.>  
2 47 #3. By renumbering as necessary.

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